

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-43 are pending in the application, with 1, 4, 13, 16, 21, 28, 33, 36, 40, 41, 42 and 43 being the independent claims. Claims 1 and 4-6 are sought to be amended without prejudice to or disclaimer of any subject matter removed therefrom. New claims 13-43 are sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Personal Interview with Examiner

A personal interview was held on Thursday, January 16, 2003, between Examiner John Sotomayor, Primary Patent Examiner Joe H. Cheng, and Applicants' representatives Michael Q. Lee (Registration No. 35,239), and Kendrick Patterson (Registration. No. 45,321). Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for a helpful and constructive interview.

During the interview, Applicants' representatives explained the differences between the present application and the applied documents of record, namely U.S. Patent No. 6,315,572 to Owens *et al.* (herein referred to as "Owens"), and U.S. Patent No. 5,577,190 to Peters (herein referred to as "Peters"). Applicants' representatives also

discussed the missing documents previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 3, 2002.

Information Disclosure Statement

In the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 3, 2002 for failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2) by not including a legible copy of the documents cited therein. Per conversation with Mr. Larry Schwartz (Supervisor, Customer Service Department for Technology Center 3700), each cited document has been located and delivered to the Examiner for consideration. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the objection and reconsideration of the aforementioned Information Disclosure Statement.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 and 8-12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,315,572 to Owens *et al.* (herein referred to as “Owens”). Paper No. 6, page 2. Applicants believe these rejections are no longer valid or have been rendered moot in light of the amendments contained herein. Accordingly, Applicants’ respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections of claims 1-3 and 8-12.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

a. Owens

In the Office Action the Examiner has rejected claims 4, 5, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103, as allegedly being obvious over Owens. Paper No. 6, page 4. Applicants believe these rejections are no longer valid or have been rendered moot in light of the amendments contained herein. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections of claims 4, 5, and 7.

b. Owens and Peters Rejection

In the Office Action the Examiner has rejected claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. 103, as allegedly being obvious over Owens in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,577,190 to Peters (herein referred to as “Peters”). Paper No. 6, page 6. Applicants believe these rejections are no longer valid or have been rendered moot in light of the amendments contained herein. Thus, Applicants assert that claim 6 is patentable over Owens and Peters, and respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections.

Conclusion

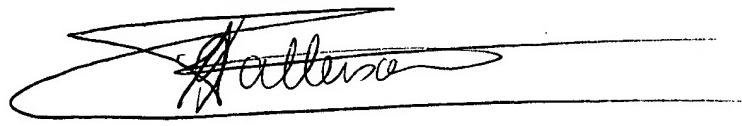
All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the

outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Version with markings to show changes made

1. Claims 13-43 have been added as new claims.

2. A markup version of claims 1 and 4-6 are provided below:

1. (Once Amended) A system for training one or more students over a network connection [in a media production environment], comprising:
tutorial processing means for sending at least one media production lesson to at least one client apparatus, wherein said client apparatus [comprising] comprises at least one display and input means configured to interactively communicate with at least one student, wherein said media production lesson pertains to producing live or on-demand broadcasting;
media production processing means for controlling and communicating with one or more media production devices in response to a signal from said tutorial processing means or said client apparatus; and
network communications means for supporting bidirectional communications between said tutorial processing means and said display and input means.

4. (Once Amended) A method for training one or more students over a network connection [in a media production environment], comprising the steps of:

sending at least one media production lesson from a tutorial processing means over the network connection to at least one student, wherein said lesson pertains to producing live or on-demand broadcasting, wherein said one lesson includes an assignment to prepare pre-production instructions to operate at least one media production device in communications with a media production processing means;

receiving data, from said student, in said tutorial processing means in response to said lesson;

processing said data according to programmed instructions; and sending feedback to said student.

5. (Once Amended) A method of claim 4, wherein said assignment includes directions to prepare a script and define a set of media production commands [corresponding] that correspond to said script and, when executed, sends a control command to automatically operate said at least one production device to produce a show or a show segment.

6. (Once Amended) A method of claim 5, wherein said set of media production commands include instructions to transmit multimedia segments, assign transition effects, send text to a teleprompting means, [and] or control camera shots.